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## LOCAL NEWS.

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### TO ADVERTISERS.

The rapidly growing subscription list of the TIMES makes it a valuable advertising medium. Our paper has a good circulation in the entire surrounding country and is meeting with great favor. In making the TIMES a live newspaper we are pleased to know that our efforts are appreciated. Energy and brains win.

### INDIAN MURDERS.

The total number of citizens killed by the Cheyennes who crossed the U. P. railroad on the 4th inst., was forty-three—twenty-three on the Sappa, fifteen on the Republican river, one on the Beaver. The Indians carried away a large number of California horses on the North Platte.

### HEAVY STORM WENT.

A very severe storm prevailed Monday west of the Rocky Mountains, which interfered with business communication. It rained hard everywhere in California. There was a heavy wind and snow storm at Virginia City. The change in the atmosphere in this region is accounted for.

### RED CLOUD TO ARREST CHEYENNES.

A conference was held last Sunday, at Camp Sheridan, with Red Cloud and his chiefs. Red Cloud promised to arrest and deliver the Cheyennes, and expressed a great desire for peace and promised to promote it by all the means in his power. The utmost good feeling prevailed at the conference, which closed with a banquet.

### BRIDGE ON BUCKNER.

A bridge should be built on Buckner creek, twenty miles directly north of this city. A constant stream of water flows in the Buckner, and its passage at certain seasons of the year is extremely difficult. Being situated in Hodgeman county the construction of the bridge would fall on that county; but in the absence of an organization in Hodgeman, the matter in a pecuniary sense would suggest itself to Ford county, for ultimately the benefits would be obtained here.

### A BRIDGE ON SAW LOG.

Messrs. M. W. Sutton, Morris Collar, P. L. Beatty and County Surveyor Chas. Van Trump, on Monday last, selected a site on Saw Log creek, 10 miles directly north of the court house, on the township line, for the location of a bridge. This move has been called for by the demands of trade, which is seeking this point. Settlements in Hodgeman county are quite numerous, and we are glad to observe that proper measures are being taken to secure the trade of our growing and prosperous neighbor.

The bridge to be built will not cost to exceed \$250, to be paid out of the funds in the treasury of Dodge City township.

Proposals for the erection of the bridge will be submitted to Mr. Beatty, Township Trustee.

### A PRAIRIE SCENE.

D. S. Weaver has executed a fine painting representing a prairie scene with a buck in the foreground. The painting is an artistic beauty and suggests a peculiar appropriateness of these surroundings. Mr. Weaver is a No. 1 painter and lays no claim to scenic art; but in his leisure time takes up the palette and the easel. He may not have the exquisite touch of the celebrated Dore, or of the "old masters" in the old Kingdoms, but for a genuine prairie artist Dave can't be excelled. Probably a prairie scene of these "backwoods" of Kansas would be as remarkable and excite wonder and admiration of its strange oddity and picturesqueness as the finely drawn pictures of the old world do for their embellishments of artificial scenery and grandeur. We suggest that Dave add a renegade Cheyenne to his landscape and the picture would be complete.

Four wagons containing over a dozen land hunters went to Meade county Thursday. Meade is bound to settle up.

### SETTLEMENT IN HODGEMAN.

W. J. Roth, of the Roth Settlement, on Buckner, in Hodgeman county, twenty miles north of Dodge City, gave us a call Monday. He was accompanied by Martin Keady, who has also located there. Mr. Roth reports seventeen families residing in his neighborhood. A petition asking for the establishment of a postoffice in that settlement is being circulated. We hope they will succeed in securing the postoffice. The trade of our Hodgeman county neighbors can be secured by Dodge City through well directed efforts, and we are glad to know proper steps are being taken to that end. Our Hodgeman friends can rely on our cordial support in that direction.

### CREEK NOMENCLATURE.

Saw Log is the name applied to a creek or stream running on the north line of Ford county, and appears a misnomer. The proper name of the branch is South Fork of the Pawnee. But Saw Log is euphonic. Its brevity suggests its appropriateness—even if no one ever saw log on the creek. Some years ago the log frame of a house was temporarily deposited on the banks of Saw Log, and hence the name was given the creek.

Buckner is the name of another branch of the Pawnee. It derives its name from a man named Buckner, who several years ago kept a ranch on the creek. These names have become common appellations for the tributaries of the Pawnee, and will go down to posterity clothed in their originality.

There are other names of curious origin applied to the small tributaries in this vicinity. Crooked creek with its zigzag course gets its name properly. These creeks with Mulberry and Bear creeks are in the immediate vicinity of Dodge City. But for strange nomenclature we might go a little farther off and find Farnished Woman's Fork, Crazy Woman's Fork and White Woman's creek. These names were suggested by some strange circumstances the titles indicate.

### WILD HORSES.

We do not make hazardous assertions when we state that the resources of the plains are unlimited. Even its wild character affords a varied occupation, even down to the gathering of bones. Wild horses in enumerable numbers abound in this almost limitless space. The proper and successful mode of catching the wild steeds of the plains is a simple one. A party of men engage in the pursuit with wagons, following the wild equine until after several days chase the animals become accustomed to their strange and harmless pursuers, and being thus subdued are driven into a corral, when the lass bridges the untamed stud an easy prey of the horse hunter. The hunter either on foot or horseback, never loses sight of the wild horse, and after ten or twelve days pursuit runs the animals into a break, and thus being headed off is easily taken.

George Masterson and Joseph Johnson drove a herd of 182 head of the untamed arabs of the desert, through Dodge City, Monday last, and were driving them to Wichita. The horses were captured in the range northwest of Cimarron. They were a fine lot of animals and will be placed in the market. The "breaking" of the wild horse is another peculiar feature of the plains vocation.

Jim Anderson bought two studs from this herd. They are of a coal black color, with long flowing manes and tails. Jim says they resemble the Canadian French pony, and are of similar species.

Mrs. M. S. Beers, the agent for the Home of the Friendless at Leavesworth, will address the citizens of Dodge City, on Sunday evening, in the interests of the institution she represents. Mrs. Beers is an effective speaker and the object is in every sense a worthy one. She speaks in the Union church. Go and hear her.

Judge D. E. Baldwin and Mr. Hatheway of the East End, were in the future great city of Western Kansas, Tuesday.

The Regimental Band of the 19th Infantry have been enjoying a visit at Ft. Dodge and after a trip to Camp Supply and Fort Elliott, will return to regimental headquarters at Fort Lyon. Some of our citizens who heard the band at the Fort express their gratification in the highest terms.

Sutton & Colborn have purchased the lot on the corner north of the TIMES office, and will erect a brick building for an office as soon as the material can be obtained. Bridge street is destined to be a commercial avenue, and property has advanced in figures. The future of Dodge City augurs well.

W. G. Dickinson, of the Arkansas Valley Town Company, called Monday. He will plat the railroad lands at Cimarron station into town lots next week. The next move will be the running of excursion trains to that point and the placing of railroad lands in market.

There is gladness in the family of Rev. O. W. Wright. The happy event occurred Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is a boy; 9 pounds. The mother is doing well; the father is overjoyed. May the father, mother and son live long and prosper.

W. J. Roth, of Hodgeman county, was in Dodge City, Monday, purchasing goods. He informs us that he can purchase goods here as cheaply as in Kinsey. Flour, bacon and provisions were among the purchases.

A petition from Cimarron for a dram shop license was presented to the Board of Commissioners, last week, and was laid over until the next meeting, when a remonstrance will be presented.

Accounts from the East state that on Saturday night last the most severe storm known for fifteen years swept over the New England coast, doing much damage to shipping in some places.

There are better roads leading to Dodge City from Hodgeman county than the roads that lead to the railroad farther east. Our Hodgeman friends are finding this out.

D. A. Ray, of Springfield, Illinois, was in the city Tuesday. We renewed an acquaintance made nine years ago when Mr. Ray was local editor of the Bloomington Pantagraph.

The Lone Star dance hall is being refitted for a dry goods and general store. It could not be put to a better use. This conversion is an evidence of the prosperity of Dodge.

A couple of hundred dollars would build a bridge on Buckner. This money could be easily obtained by subscription in this city. It would be casting bread upon the waters.

Mrs. Trescott is laboring under a temporary aberration of the mind, no doubt caused by the Indian excitement. She should be sent to the asylum for treatment.

Hodgeman county is settling up with first class settlers. Good lands, good water and healthy climate make inducement to settlement seldom offered.

Rev. Adams Peabody, (Swedenborgian,) will preach in the Union Church in Dodge City, on Sunday morning, Oct. 20th; subject: "The Universality of the Church."

Hon. Thos. Ryan, candidate for Congress, will address the citizens of Dodge City this Saturday evening. He ought to have a rousing turn out.

Rev. Adam Holm will represent Ford county in the State Sunday School Convention, which convenes in Topeka, the 23d inst.

A postoffice has been established at Garden City, Sequoyah county. D. R. Menke, Postmaster.

Monday several wagons were loaded with lumber for Clarendon, Donley county, Texas.

## SPEAREVILLE.

SPEAREVILLE, KAN., Oct. 18, 1878.

To the Editor of the TIMES:

Frairie fires and high winds have been plenty the past few days. The country east of Speareville is almost entirely burned over. Also a large area south and west. Considerable damage has been done by the burning of hay, and in some instances houses, to say nothing of the damage done to the ground by being thus laid bare. The settler soon learns by experience that the ground that has been burned over does not retain moisture like it does where it is covered with grass; thus in the absence of fires he is enabled to get a great deal more breaking done. Every settler should break a guard around his claim the first thing he does; the value of the grass for feed alone can be appreciated to its full extent after he has once been deprived of its use.

Times are more lively than they were a few weeks ago. Quite a number of immigrants are coming in and also numbers looking for locations. Our business men are all apparently doing a good business.

Geo. Jones has started a new meat shop in the building formerly occupied by Olin Pratt as a feed store. We bespeak for him a fair share of public patronage.

A. J. Peacock, County Commissioner, gave us a call to-day on his return from the east.

The house of Mr. Myton that he had moved in from the country, and still stood on the wagon, couldn't stand the pressure of yesterday's wind, and now lies scattered around without form and shape.

Politics is getting warm and will be pretty hot until after the election.

A petition for the establishment of a herd law is in circulation; we think it will be successful. Z. B.

## CIMARRON, KAN.

CIMARRON, KAN., Oct. 17, 1878.

To the Editor of the Times.

Glory to God. Immigration is pouring in upon us.

W. G. Dickinson, of the Arkansas Valley Town Company, called on us this week. Says he will return in a week to lay out a railroad town for us. May he live long and prosper.

Give us rain to save our wheat is the cry.

A large congregation at church Sunday. B. O. room is well liked.

O, that we could raise bonds to build a school house.

We want to vote for a representative to the Legislature. Can we, that's the question.

We think there is no man in Ford county that would make a better County Attorney than Sutton.

No more Indian scare, and the good work of settling up the country will go on.

Most of our township officers have qualified and given bond, and are ready for business. Come on, I wish, we have only five.

Our Cimarron hunters returned Monday with eight large fine buffalo. No danger of starving as long as buffaloes are plenty.

Our citizens are very intelligent at the communication in the Ke-County Gazette in regard to their modeling the dead square. There is no particle of truth in the charge word of it. It is an infatuation and a mean concern this trick. If parties can write common sense we must try in that manner they had better keep out of the paper. If there is any honor about the publisher he will give us the name of the party who wrote or gave the false information; and if he ever puts in an appearance at Cimarron he will get marked, I assure you.

L. W. JOHNSON.

The Peabody Gazette says Florence is happy over the discovery of a six-inch vein of coal, forty-two feet below the surface of the ground. It was discovered while boring a well on the school grounds and is pronounced excellent by blacksmiths and others who have used it.

The Black Hills Times says that Sitting Bull was a fatally wounded a short time ago in a fight with another Indian.